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SUBJECT: COLOR ADDITIVE: CARAMEL

REF: COPENHAGEN 2117

1. THE SWEDISH NEWSPAPER, DAGENS NYHETER, JULY 2, 1976, REPORTED THAT DANISH RESEARCHERS (SEE REFTEL) IN AN EXPERIMENT WITH RATS, OBSERVED THAT 75 PERCENT OF THE TEST ANIMALS DIED AFTER HAVING BEEN FED "AMMONIA-TREATED CARAMEL COLORING." THIS INGREDIENT IS USED IN COCA COLA AND THE DANISH GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN THE COCA COLA COMPANY ONE MONTH TO CHANGE THE "COMPOSITION."

2. THE SWEDISH NATIONAL FOOD ADMINISTRATION IS AWARE OF THE DANISH ACTION, PLANS TO CONDUCT ITS OWN STUDY ON THE DANGER OF CARAMEL, AND TO CONTACT DANISH AUTHORITIES. IN SWEDEN, SOFT DRINKS MAY CONTAIN TWO GRAMS OF SUGAR-COLORING PER LITER IF THE DEGREE OF IMPURITY IS LESS THAN 200 MILIGRAMS PER KILO. THE MANUFACTURER MAY USE 4 GRAMS OF COLORING PER LITER IF THE DEGREE OF IMPURITY IS 100 MILLIGRAMS OR LESS PER KILO.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FDA'S COMMENTS ON THIS

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